aegis to establish and manage the model schools.

Additional flights from Jammu to Srinagar

274. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to arrange daily additional flights from Jammu to Srinagar during winter to cope up with the rush of passengers; and

(b) whether Government also propose to subsidise air-fare on the Jammu-Srinagar route as is being done in North Eastern Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. While scheduled flights from Jammu to Srinagar are not proposed to be increased, Indian Airlines does operate additional flights from time to time, when there is heavy passenger demand.

(b) No, Sir.

Non-clearance of runway at Srinagar airport

275. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints were made by the people about non-clearance of runway at Srinagar airport and negligent conduct of the the authorities of the Department of Civil Aviation during the recent unprecedented snow-fall in the last week of December, 1985;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted in the matter and its results; and

(c) whether it is fact that no snow clearance machinery is available at Srinagar airport, if so, whether Government propose to take steps to supplement it with the said machinery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A few complaints were received in this regard and the matter was looked into. Srinagar airport belongs to the Air Force. Srinagar experienced unprecedented snow-fall from the 25th to the 28th of December, 1985. Although snow clearance work was done continuously by the Air Force Authorities, heavy snow-fall did not permit landing and take-off of any aircraft at Srinagar airport during this period.

(c) No, Sir. Adequate arrangements for snow clearance work exist.

Black marketing of tickets by Srinagar Airport Authorities

276. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR. Wlil the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints were made by people and press about black marketing and underhand sale of air tickets by Srinagar airport authorities during the recent snow- fall, if so, whether any inquiry was conducted; and

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The complaints are under investigation by the CBI.

Vayudoot services in Jammu and Kashmir

277. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 505 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 1985 and state what are the reasons for not implementing the decision for starting Vayudoot services from Jammu to Rajouri-Poonch, Srinagar, Kargil and Leh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): In the reply given to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question 505 on the 20th of November, 1985, it was stated that Vayudoot had plans to airilnk Rajouri, Poonch and Kishtwar subject to economic viability and availability